

Rancho Santiago Community College District

BOARD POLICY

Chapter 4 Academic Affairs

BP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates

Reference(s):

Education Code Section 70902(b)(3)
Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq.

The Colleges grant the degrees of Bachelor's in Science (Santa Ana College), Associate in Arts, and Associate in Science to those students who have completed the subject requirements for graduation and who have maintained a 2.0 average in subjects attempted. Students must also complete the general education residency and competency requirements set forth in Title 5 regulations.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of a program consisting of at least 12 semester units and has received California Community College Chancellor's Office approval. The Certificate of Achievement must include degree-applicable coursework designed as a pattern of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities that may be oriented to career or general education.

Students may be awarded a Certificate of Proficiency upon successful completion of a program consisting of less than 18 units that has been approved by the Colleges' Curriculum and Instruction Council.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements that include appropriate involvement of the college curriculum committee. The procedures shall assure that graduation requirements are published in the Colleges' catalog and included in other resources that are convenient for students.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

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AR 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates

Reference(s):

Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq.

Rancho Santiago Community College District shall offer Bachelors in Science (Santa Ana College), Associate in Arts or Associate in Science, Certificates of Proficiency and Achievement. Specific course requirements for all degrees and certificates are found in the College Catalog.

Requirements to earn a degree:

- A student must demonstrate competence in reading, in written expression, and in mathematics.
- A definition of “college work” that provides that courses acceptable toward the degree include those that have been properly approved pursuant to Title 5 Section 55002(a), or, if completed at other than a California community college, would reasonably be expected to meet the standards of that section.
- The general education requirements must include a minimum of work in the natural sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, humanities, and language and rationality.

For the Bachelors in Science degree:

- See requirements outlined in AP 4025B Philosophy and Criteria for Baccalaureate Degree and General Education

For the Associates in Arts or Associates in Science degrees:

- The student must satisfactorily complete at least 60 semester units of college work.
- The work must include at least 18 semester units in general education and at least 18 semester units in a major listed in the Community Colleges “Taxonomy of Programs.”
- The work must include at least 12 semester units of study in residence.
- The students must successfully complete 3 units from the college-approved list of multicultural courses.

For Certificates:

- A minimum grade of "C" is required in each college credit course taken.
- The colleges grant certificates of achievement, certificates of proficiency, certificates of competency, and certificates of completion.
- A student must successfully complete a course of study or curriculum that consists of the required units designed to demonstrate that the student has completed coursework and developed capabilities relating to career or general education.

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